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1. [redacted] engineer units with materiel from the engineer troops' camp at Bad Koesen (M 52/I 78) were loaded on three trains at the Bad Koesen railroad station. The materiel included 45 pontoons, 9 assault boats, and 20 gondola carloads of bridge-building equipment. The trucks observed with the troops [redacted]

[redacted] The three trains departed toward Dessau. (1)

2. [redacted] the camp in the woods near Bad Koesen was occupied only by about 1,000 recruits, most of whom wore black-bordered black epaulets and some light blue-bordered black epaulets. Some of the recruits wore an engineer insignia consisting of a golden anchor. The camp covers an area of about 2.5 square km and contained about 100 low wooden barracks buildings measuring 25 x 12 meters, and 6 wooden officers' billets measuring 50 x 15 meters. Its total billeting capacity was estimated at 6,000 men. About 100 to 120 small pontoons, 4 motorboats, large quantities of bridge-building equipment, 6 large amphibious vehicles, and 20 [redacted] truck trailers were seen below the Rudelsburg (castle). An ammunition dump of 2 or 3 wooden storage buildings was located at the entrance to the camp. Box and AT mines were piled between the storage buildings. Continuous fire of machine guns and mortars was heard from the area. [redacted] the troops also practiced the handling of smoke tanks, and the laying and removal of mines of various types. Truck [redacted] marked with artillery insignia, was seen leaving the camp. Truck [redacted] was parked near the camp. (2)

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Naumburg.

3. The Barbara Kaserne in Naumburg (M 52/I 89) was occupied by only a guard company of about 100 men who wore black-bordered black epaulets and practiced the stringing of lines across the Saale River [redacted]. The Hindenburg Kaserne quartered an undetermined number of recruits who wore motor transport insignia and were engaged in intensive training. The instructors were black

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 epaulets with signal insignia. The factory on Nordstrasse was occupied by a guard unit of about 60 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

[redacted] the factory had previously been occupied by a tank unit with T-34/85 tanks. (3) The Hubertus Kaserne was occupied only by a small guard detail of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The Luetrich Kaserne, also quartered only a guard detail of soldiers who, however, wore black-bordered red epaulets. Traffic of military vehicles at the post was almost non-existent. (4) 25X1

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Comments.

(1) The information partially agrees with a report [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] that a train with engineer troops and vehicles of the 21st Gds Mecz Div was unloaded there [redacted]. See [redacted] the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, the 21st Gds Mecz Div, headquarters units of the Eighth Gds Army and the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GOFG from Rosslaw. The vehicles of these units were observed in the Dessau-Aken area [redacted]

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(2) [redacted] the vehicle might have belonged to the 20th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1

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The information indicates that components of those engineer units which left Bad Koenen for Dessau [redacted] were back in the camp as early as [redacted] 25X1

[redacted]. This would agree with a report [redacted] stating that two trains, 25X1A with engineer troops and vehicles of the same units as they were loaded at Bad

Koenen [redacted] and left Dessau southward [redacted]. See [redacted]

Other reports [redacted] stated that engineer units are currently being 25X1 trained there in the handling of heavy bridge-building equipment. See [redacted] 25X1A

(3) Probably the Maschinengewehr Kaserne on Nordstrasse. [redacted] this 25X1

installation quartered a unit of about 400 men wearing red-bordered black 25X1 epaulets with tank insignia in the winter of 1950/1951, whereas [redacted] 25X1

observed soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. 25X1

See [redacted]. The actual occupation of the 25X1

installation has not been determined.

(4) The information on the occupation of the other barracks installations agrees with 25X1

a report of late June 1951. See [redacted] It is believed that the 25X1

majority of the components of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the XXIX Gds Mtz 25X1

Rifle Corps, which are in Naumburg, were training at Kindel and Bad Koenen 25X1

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